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KUHR OCCUPATION.

NOISY GERMAN PROTESTS.

DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST FRENCH.

Essen, January 15.

There was a half-hour stoppage of work this morning as a protest against the French action. The crowd carried out an anti-French demonstration outside the French headquarters. Speeches were delivered and patriotic songs sung but there was no disturbance of the peace.

Berlin, January 15.

A noisy demonstration occurred near the offices of the inter-Allied military mission at the Bellevue Hotel but the police prevented the demonstrators from entering the building and doing any damage and finally dispersed them. No arrests were made. The crowd was gratified at the hoisting of the German monarchical colours on the building opposite the hotel.

A message from Stettin says that the police prevented an attempted demonstration against the entente Commissioners.

FRENCH OCCUPY BOCHUM.

Essen, January 15.

The French occupied Bochum at noon.

THE EXCHANGE MARKET.

London, January 15.

Germany's suspension of payment of reparations and the continuous inflation of paper currency is reflected in London by the depreciation of German marks to 55,000. French francs are relatively steady at 67/50 and this is attributed to the commendable action of the French Finance Minister in no longer relying on German reparations and proposing an increase taxation. Belgian francs are at 74 and sterling is steady at 4/6 3/4.

LATER.

Marks at the close fell to 65,000. French francs rose to 49/10, Belgium to 75/5 and sterling to 4/6 3/4.

FURTHER ADVANCE ORDERED.

Paris, January 15.

Following the German government's prohibition of coal deliveries a conference at Essen between the French authorities and representatives of the Mineowners' Association broke down after Fritz Thyssen on behalf of the German representatives had declared that the French order to resume coal deliveries could not be obeyed. General Degoutte immediately ordered an advance to Dortmund and announced that troops would be established in the evening on a line—Werden, Hattingen, Werne, Heinschenburg, Recklinghausen, Bittrop.

FRENCH TAXATION INCREASES.

Paris, January 15.

The proposed increase in taxation has not been enthusiastically received by the public. Fears are expressed that it is inevitable. A further rise in the cost of living and production would be unbearable at present as French exporters are competing in foreign markets. Hopes are expressed that a prolonged debate in the Chamber will modify the Bill which the Government has not included in the Finance Bill because essential budget legislation is long overdue.

GERMAN ATTITUDE STIFFENS.

Berlin, January 15.

The Coal Commissioner has prohibited the Ruhr coalowners from supplying France and Belgium even against payment. This stiffening of the attitude of the German Government is expected to precipitate dramatic French action.

MINERS REFUSE TO DO OVERTIME.

Berlin, January 15.

The *Forwerts* learns from Essen that the miners in the occupied area have refused to work overtime.

PAYING FOR THE COAL.

Paris, January 15.

The difficulties of the French on the Ruhr are mainly due to the attitude of the German Government.

Berlin, January 15.

The refusal to pay the mines for coal delivered on the reparations account is the reason why the French are to-day occupying the second zone including Bochum, Recklinghausen and Hattingen. The French have decided to pay for the coal from the coal tax, the collection of which by the French begins on Wednesday, but the tax on the coal produced in the zone already occupied is insufficient. Hence the necessity for occupying the second zone which produces double the amount of coal produced in the first zone.

The meeting of the Reparations Commission has been postponed to January 16. It has not yet been settled when to deal with the German refusal to continue the reparations payments.

REQUISITIONING THREATENED.

Paris, January 15.

M. Poincare has instructed M. Berthoin to bring the German refusal to make further deliveries to kind before the Reparations Commission to-morrow with a view to securing a declaration of a fresh default. M. Poincare conferred with the Ministers of Finance and Public Works and also M. Poincare regarding the rupture of negotiations at Essen and decided that unless the mine owners change their attitude the Franco-Belgian will resort to requisitioning in which event the Germans will be obliged to operate the coalfields.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/3 7/16.

To-day's opening rate 2/3 9/16.

MUSSOLINI'S ADVISE TO FRANCE.

Rome, January 15.

In a speech to the Chamber Signor Mussolini declared that he advised France to limit as far as possible the military character of the action in the Ruhr and not to shut the door upon the possibility of the agreement which Italy believed was possible and for which she was working. He stated that no entente formed for the purpose of securing the peace of Europe could succeed without the participation of Britain. He opined that France would probably yet view favourably the Italian plan regarding reparations presented in London.

AN AMERICAN PLAN.

New York, January 15.

The Associated Press in Paris learns that Mr. Boyden, the American observer on the Reparations Commission, submitted to the Commission a plan which had Mr. Hughes' approval for the settlement of the reparations problem.

Washington, January 15.

The State Department denies that it authorised Mr. Boyden to present a reparations plan.

FIRM ACTION TAKEN.

Paris, January 15.

A message from Essen says that following the German refusal to deliver coal firm arrangements have been made under the auspices of the military authorities to requisition coal under martial law including the repression of agitation and stoppage of work. Measures have been taken to frustrate alleged attempts to remove rollingstock from the Ruhr, laden trucks consigned elsewhere being diverted.

The Franco-Belgian control committee announces the discovery that the coal tax has not been collected for the past three months resulting in major coalowners getting coal at forty per cent below normal rates.

HUNGARY AND ROMANIA.

ANOTHER STORM BREWING.

London, January 15.

Telegrams from Bucharest and Budapest show that trouble is brewing between Hungary and Rumania on account of frontier skirmishes. Representatives of the Little Entente met at Bucharest or Belgrade, shortly to discuss measures as regards the alleged secret arming of Hungary despite the latter's emphatic denial. Fears are expressed in London lest the Little Entente, mistaking French action on the Ruhr, should decide upon forcible action, as the best way of settling the Hungarian irredentist menace.

AMERICAN COAL MINERS.

STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED.

New York, January 15.

As regard the possibility of a general coal strike after April 1, the *New York Times* learns from Washington that the preliminary report of the United States Coal Commission has been issued stating that there is reason to believe an agreement will soon be reached averting any widespread cessation of mining operations in Union fields on April 1.

LITHUANIAN IRUPTION.

ARMED BAND ENTERS MEMEL.

Berlin, January 15.

A message from Memel states that a Lithuanian band armed with rifles and machine guns entered the town and occupied the inner town, also the French prefecture but part of the town is still in French hands.

M. O. C. BEAT NATAL.

Pretoria, January 15.

In cloudy weather before a small attendance on an easy wicket, the M. O. C. made 242 for 8 and declared. Russell scored 83. Natal made 180. Gilligan took 4 for 38 and Pender 5 for 36. The M. O. C. won by 236 runs.

CHINESE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

London, January 15.

Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, has returned from Geneva.

ANYONE MCC VICTORY.

Dundee, January 15.

MCC beat Otago by six wickets.

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BIRTHS.
LOBB.—On January 11, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Lobb, a daughter.
CAMPIN.—On January 5, 1923, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Campin, a son.

MARRIAGE.
DE COSIER-SMITH.—At Shanghai, before Sidney Barton, Esq., Linton Henry de Cosier, of Sydney, Australia, to Myrtle Pierce Smith, of Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A.

The China Mail.
"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"
HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 16, 1923.
—SPEED ORAZE.

Hitherto the fastest speed that any human being has ever travelled at is four miles a minute. This terrific pace has been achieved by only one man, the pilot of a Curtiss racing biplane who recently made 240 miles an hour over a measured distance. Perhaps it is wise to emphasize that this feat has not yet been equalled, for the time will arrive when it will have become commonplace. The world will be rushing everywhere four, ten, twenty—who shall say how many?—miles per minute. Then will people have only a hazy memory that the motor car's fastest and most represented the ultimate speed for most people; that not very long before this a fleet post horse could not be overtaken; and that there was even a time when men could not move faster than their legs would carry them (however fearsome the primeval monster giving chase). This new high speed world will doubtless be too busy caring about its pace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Mr. R. M. McLeay, who was formerly stationed in Shanghai has succeeded Mr. W. H. Rose as manager of the International Bank at Singapore. Mr. Rose has gone to Japan.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony yesterday. During the week ending January 12, 9 cases of notifiable disease were reported, including one canine case of rabies.

The engagement is announced of Mr. R. P. Mildren, of the Chartered Bank, Penang, and Miss Jessie A. E. M. Davidson, of the King Edward VII School, Taiping, and formerly of Penang.

Mr. Charles B. Warren, U. S. Ambassador to Japan, is leaving that country shortly for good. Mr. Edward B. McLean of Washington, a publisher and newspaper owner, is mentioned as his successor.

Mr. C. G. Anderson, Hon. Secretary of the Anti-mui-tai Society, who left a few weeks ago for America, has returned at the request of the Society and will postpone his trip for a fortnight or more. Mr. Anderson had broken his journey at Shanghai when the Society called him.

We regret, says the *Malaya Mail*, to have to record the deaths during the holidays of two retired Government servants, Mr. E. van Geyzel, late clerk to the Chief Judicial Commissioner, on Christmas Day, and Mr. J. G. Collins, late Office Superintendent of the Chief Secretary's Office, on Boxing Day.

A ship of between 400 and 500 tons steamed up the river to Shanghai recently flying a flag never before seen in these waters—two horizontal bands of red with a white band between. Inquiry showed that this is the flag of the Lettish Republic. The ship was the "Chelon" from Vladivostok. It is thought that she was bought for the Lettish Republic.

The house-breakers are now at work on the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Singapore, which are to be rebuilt on an elaborate scale. Messrs. Swan and MacLaren supervised the construction of the present buildings, erected in 1891, and will have charge of the erection of the new premises. The Bank first came to Singapore in 1877.

When a Chinese seaman on the steamer, "Maple Branch," from Hamburg, was fined \$30 at Port Talbot for having a quantity of opium and a snoker's outfit, it was stated that the opium was discovered outside the accused's bunk wrapped in a British ensign. The accused said he had been brought up on opium since childhood, and took it for his health's sake. The fine was paid.

Mr. E. and Miss Cornelia Vanderbilt of Washington have arrived at Peking. Mrs. Vanderbilt is closely related to Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the multi-millionaire New York business man and hotel owner. She is at present on a pleasure trip round the world, and expects to remain in Peking for about 10 days before continuing her tour of other Chinese cities.

Mr. Randall N. Neale, formerly Reuter's manager in Shanghai, has been appointed Reuter's correspondent in Paris. Major A. E. Wearne, M.C., Reuter's correspondent and manager in Peking, proceeds shortly on leave to Australia. During his absence Mr. P. D. Evans, M.A., Reuter's correspondent in Tientsin, will fill the Peking post. Mr. W. R. Mowll, of the Shanghai staff, temporarily succeeds Mr. Evans in Tientsin.

Det. Inspector Grant charged two Chinese, Lai Kam tong and Hui Kai, before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning with demanding money by menace. They were arrested in Ramsey Street and Queen's Road West on the 13th and are alleged to have sent letters to one Cheung Long-mui, threatening grievous consequences unless the sum of \$100 was paid within a certain time. Inspector Grant asked for a remand as it was intended to ask for commitment.

Chinese in England and Wales are protesting against the hostility shown to their race since the Cardiff drama in which a Chinaman was found dead and three English women were rescued in a state of unconsciousness from the effects, it was supposed, of opium. A formal protest was made by Sry Yip, an association of Chinamen, at a meeting held in Cardiff, and it was decided that they should be represented at the inquiry on their compatriot. The Sry Yip also declared that the Chinese have often complained that they cannot keep a certain class of women from their places of business.

MUI TSAI BILL.

FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF OPINION.

At the meeting convened by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce some days ago to discuss the Mui Tsai Bill, it was decided to ascertain, as far as possible the opinions of various sections of the Chinese community. The Chinese "district" commercial associations were circulated by the General Chamber asking for expressions of opinion regarding the Bill.

There are, in the Colony, some twenty-four district associations, each one comprising business men from the same district. From the replies received by the Chamber to date, the consensus seems to be against the Bill and, therefore, adverse to abolition. Eight associations are against the Bill: Sze Yip, Hoi Ping, Shun Tak, Sun Wai, Hok Shan, Sam Sui, Po On and Pan U. The Heung Shan and Tung Kiu associations both acclaim the good intentions of the Government and favour abolition of purchase and sale of human beings. The Heung Shan association thinks that clause III needs amendment and the Tung Kiu insists that sufficient protection and provision be made of the mui-tai after the Bill becomes law.

The main line of opposition taken is that the time is not ripe for action to be taken and will inflict more hardship than do good. It is suggested that daughters are not sold for trivial reasons; those who do try the victims of circumstances and the selling of their offspring may be the salvation of a whole family. Infanticide is predicted and serious neglect of children by parents will become prevalent. One letter to the General Chamber characterised the Bill as an effort to compel both rich and poor to wear shoes and to be well clothed.

The district association's reply will be handed to the two Chinese representatives on the Council for transmission to the Government.

PASSAGES HOME.

PUISNE JUDGE'S DECISION.

COMMENT FROM SHANGHAI.
Commenting upon a recent Summary Court judgment the *N. C. Daily News* says:

"Mr. Justice Gompertz in Hongkong has just issued a decision likely to prove of first-rate importance to a large number of firms and employers in the Far East. The point of interest in the case was whether a man, having completed an agreement with one firm in Hongkong and then having joined a rival firm, was entitled to the amount of his passage home. It was a case in which Indians and Indian firms were concerned, and a verbal agreement for a return passage to India at the expiration of the agreement was proved. At the end of the agreement, however, the employee did not choose to return, but on the other hand joined the rival firm in question. On his doing so, the employers sued him for money advanced as a loan, and the employee counter-claimed for the cost of his passage. On this counter-claim his Lordship held that a man was certainly allowed a passage, and he admitted the cost of a third class passage as a set off against the employer's claim. This would seem to establish a principle not hitherto generally recognized among lay people here, however much the lawyers may have known about it. We are fairly safe in stating that the average view was that when a man joined another firm he forfeited his claim to a passage (which, of course, he would not want at the time) or to its cash equivalent, but here would seem to be ground for believing that he can with every prospect of success lay claim to the latter, so long as there was the original stipulation regarding it. Provided the Statute of Limitations has not been too much in evidence, there may be grounds here for quite a number of interesting claims."

BILLIARDS.

EASMA v CRAIGENGOWER.

At the Easma Club on Saturday night a friendly match with the Craigengower Club was won by the home team by 98 points.

THE SCORES WERE:

J. Mackintosh	79	R. Earnshaw	100
A. McDonald	22	C. Earnshaw	100
W. Marsh	55	F. T. James	100
E. Maister	27	J. Grayson	100
F. Allen	38	H. Griffin	100
J. Clark	100	J. Camie	60
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TOBACCO WORKERS.

ALL-ROUND INCREASE.

WOMEN LABOUR REPRESENTATIVES.

The management of the Canton Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Co. have adopted a conciliatory attitude in considering their workers' demands and on Sunday a deputation of fourteen, including three women, representing the different departments at the factories, were informed that the Company was willing to offer the following terms in response to the demands: The terms are:—

The wages of male employees, permanent or casual, will be increased by \$3, irrespective of the difference in wages. An all-round ten per cent. increase will be given to all women and girls who are casual workers. Those paid by the month will receive the same increase as the men, the increase to be reckoned from the 1st January, 1923.

The Company will pay a monthly contribution of \$300 and a monthly rent allowance of \$50 to the guild of the male employees, when it is formed. (At the meeting on Sunday the representatives of the men all volunteered to be promoters of the guild).

WAGES DISPUTE.

CARPENTERS' SETTLEMENT TERMS.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs has communicated the following translation of the terms of the settlement arrived at in connection with the application of the Building Carpenters for increased wages:

"The Representatives of the Building Carpenters' Association and the Building Contractors' Commercial Association have agreed in the presence of the Hon. Director of Public Works as follows:

(1)—The increase of wages shall date from the 1st day of the 11th moon this year (Chinese).

(2)—The rate of wages shall be \$1.15 a day, workmen to provide their own food.

(3)—When any workman is to be engaged, he shall be first taken on trial for 3 days. The masters shall have the option of engagement or dismissal after trial, but the workman must be paid full pay for the 3 days.

(4)—One hour shall be allowed for tiffin and half an hour for tea (rest). Any time taken in excess of this arrangement shall be made good by the workmen at the end of the day's work.

Signatures of:—
Full power Representatives of the masters:—
Lam Lee of the Shang Li, Tam Shin Hong.
Full power Representatives of the workmen:—
Wong Sai, Tsui Yun.

(ed.) T. L. Perkins, Director of Public Works.
(ed.) H. W. Bird.
(ed.) W. Laughton Leask.
(ed.) E. R. Hallifax, S.C.A.
Dated 15th day of January, 1923.

WOMAN HEADS, ROBBERS.

MEN DO THE WORK.

The woman robber leader has evidently come to stay. Her usefulness in gaining admission to houses, is appreciated by the male desperadoes who, of course, do the dirty work once the householder has fallen into the trap.

Yesterday an armed robbery of this nature was carried out on the first floor of No. 27, Cochrane Street in broad daylight. At 9.15 a.m. a woman knocked at the stair door. An unsuspecting mui tsai admitted her, thinking she was a friend of the mistress. Three armed men rushed in after the woman. One of them carried two revolvers and the others one each. They drove the surprised inmates into a cubicle and bound and gagged them. The intruders then ransacked the flat and stole a gold watch and chain worth \$220, \$1,000 in cash and a gold ring. The woman leader left the men to do the binding and gagging but afterwards took an active part in the ransacking of the premises. They all escaped.

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HAINAN NEWS.

CONDITIONS AGAIN UNSETTLED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KUINGCHOW, HAINAN, Jan. 12.
On December 8, Hainan Christian Middle School held its second annual Field Meet. The day was ideal and about two thousand spectators crowded the stands and grounds. All but a few were students. Two other schools—the local Normal and the Provincial Normal contested with the Christian Middle School. But the Christian trained boys showed the result of their work and captured every event. Among the foreigners present were the British Consul and the master of the Hailow Post Office. The field was gaily decorated with forty large custom flags.

Conditions are again growing unsettled in the Luichow Peninsula. A year ago Gen. Wang Keong made a great clearing there, but since his departure the robbers have gathered again. It is said that the band numbers 2000, and many depredations have already occurred. General Chen Kwong Ming has ordered gambling to be stopped in Hailow. It has flourished in the main streets and along all the byways for about four months. All the den have now been cleared out but the riddance is not complete for gambling is still allowed in the Hui Sang village just across the river from Hailow. In fact all the gambling houses moved in a body to the village.

The following tale is told of troubles in Leng Shui district. Last year a local man of some repute named Lau Tein became district magistrate under the local self-government scheme. He did so by buying up votes. As soon as he came into power, he got after an enemy of his, named Lap. He surrounded Lap's village and captured it and slew seven. But in so doing, Lau had gone too far and the whole countryside rose against him. They drove him out of the district into his village and after a desperate resistance there, he escaped to a junk. But the junkmen plotted with his pursuers and delivered him over to the enemy. These took the official and his son back to the district city where both of them were put to death after being tortured horribly.

INTERPORT GOLF.

PROBABLE SHANGHAI TEAM.

Discussing the proposed interport golf match against Hongkong the *N. C. Daily News* says:—

It is hoped to play the interport golf match against Hongkong at China New Year and Shanghai's team will probably leave for the south on February 12. So far the local side has not been definitely decided upon, the form of certain possible players is still being carefully canvassed. A man may be among the leaders on his own course, one which he knows thoroughly, but put him on strange links and very often he fails. This feature has presented itself in a strong light to the Golf Club Committee, and steps have been taken to test, as far as that is possible, the capabilities of certain men when away from familiar surroundings. One or two have accordingly been invited to play at Hongkong, and it is satisfactory to know that in at least one case the experiment has worked with marked success, the player in question proving himself quite at home under the different conditions there.

The work of selection has gone so far that the Committee have eight men in contemplation from whom the final choice will probably be made. So far, however, it is not certain that all of these can get away, but the Committee are hoping for the best. Provided they can go the first four will be J. B. Ferrier, the Rev. W. P. Roberts, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett and O. T. Beath. Unfortunately neither P. Peebles nor K. M. Cumming will be able to take part in the match, and this makes the matter of selecting the two remaining players and the reserve one of no little difficulty. It would seem to lie between Capt. J. Dewar, H. R. Malcolm, W. J. Hawkins and O. W. Porter. The form at present being shown by Malcolm is very good indeed, and may very easily make his place a certainty.

As regards the chances of the team, it is difficult to say anything very illuminating. Hongkong this year is without the services of Major Bagnall, but is strongly represented in men such as A. B. Stewart, T. W. Hill, H. B. Bucknell, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. M. Smith, Capt. Cumming, and so on. A visiting team will require to be on the top of its form to defeat that combination.

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MILITARY RELIEFS.

"DELTA" BRINGS BIG BATCH.

The P. and O. s.s. "Delta" arrived in port this morning with relief drafts for the local Garrison.

The new arrivals included five officers and 188 other ranks of the 2/King's Regiment; thirteen officers and 35 other ranks of the R. G. A.; two officers and 17 other ranks of the R. A. S. C.; one officer and four other ranks of the R. A. P. O.; two officers and 17 other ranks of the R. E.; four officers and 38 other ranks of the R.A.M.C.; two other ranks of the C.M.A.; one other rank of the R.A.V.C.; eight other ranks of the R.A.O.C.; one other rank of the M.P.S.O.; and one warrant officer and three schoolmistresses of the A. E. C. Included in the drafts were also the following for North China:—one officer of the R. E.; one officer and six other ranks of the R.A.O.C.; and ten other ranks of the R.A.S.C.

Lieut.-Col. W. N. Nicholson, D.A.A. and Q.M.G., met the ship immediately on her arrival in the harbour and made all the necessary arrangements for the disembarkation. The "Delta" first made fast to the buoy and after all the disembarkation documents had been examined, she went alongside the Naval Dockyard, where after the medical inspection, the disembarkation was carried out. The details for North China remained on board the "Delta" and will be taken on to Shanghai where they will disembark.

THE NEW OFFICERS.

The following officers disembarked at Hongkong:—Lieut. Col. R. A. Dobbins, R.A.P.C., Capt. F. E. Tomlinson, R.A.M.C., Major A. S. Littlejohns, R.A.M.C., and wife, Capt. and Qr.-Mr. J. D. Conway, Bt. Major F. G. Hyland, R.E., and wife, Capt. R. E. Chippendale, R.E., and wife, Major F. E. Miller-Jones, R.A.S.C., and wife, Lieut. E. C. Frederick, R.A.S.C., Lieut. A. W. Alcock, R.G.A., and wife, Capt. C. F. Bensley, R.G.A., Major A. L. Cruikshank, R.G.A., Capt. G. Barrett, R.G.A., Capt. G. A. Clements, R.G.A., and wife, Capt. C. H. Bingham, R.G.A., and wife, Lieut. W. P. Fendall, R.G.A., Lieut. P. W. Southern, Lieut. C. C. Fawcett, R.G.A., Major E. S. Halford, R.G.A., Lieut. E. Acock, R.G.A., Major P. R. Blandish, R.G.A., Capt. W. O'Brien, M.C., King's, Lieut. V. E. Bonke, King's, and wife, 2/Lieut. F. E. St. Clair Tisdall, King's, Lieut. J. B. Gaffney, King's, and Lieut. F. Bailey, King's, and wife. There also disembarked Army Schoolmistresses: C. M. Lashley, A. F. Frow and A. Gray, and 40 wives and 43 children of other ranks.

"DISRAELI."

AT THE CORONET.

Big audiences saw and thoroughly enjoyed at the Coronet yesterday the fine film version of the famous stage play "Disraeli" which is being shown at the Coronet all this week. Chief interest naturally centred in the manner in which the title role was handled by Mr. George Arliss, the well-known American actor who created such a tremendous impression here in "The Devil" a while back, and it must be conceded that his performance leaves nothing to be desired. He presents a masterly portrait of the great statesman and is ably supported by Mrs. Arliss as Lady Beaconsfield, Margaret Dale as Mrs. Noel Travers, the beautiful Russian Spy, Reginald Denny as Viscount Darnford and last but not by any means least pretty little Louise Huff as Clarissa, the daughter of the Duke of Glastonbury.

EGGS AND MEAT.

WRANGLE ENDS IN COURT.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning, a man and two women were charged with disorderly conduct.

The first defendant (the man) pleaded not guilty. The second defendant told the Magistrate that she was the peace-maker and the third said she only took part in a squabble. The third defendant explained that she was an egg-seller and next door to her was a dried meat man. The man could not strike a bargain with the meat-seller and she joined in the wrangle. Ultimately the man is said to have accused her of being the sweetheart of the meat man. She dared him to prove his statement and on his failing to do so, set on him. The second defendant intervened and in the scramble, the peace-maker upset the other woman's basket of eggs. Attracted by the noise, a constable arrested all three.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

WAR AGAINST OPIUM.

WHAT CONSTITUTES LEGITIMATE USE?

GENEVA, January 15.

At the termination of its session the Opium Commission adopted a report for submission to the Council of the League of Nations regarding immediate measures against the sale of narcotics. It was decided to reassemble at the end of May to formulate inter alia an exact definition of what constitutes the legitimate use of opium.

ROYAL BROTHERS.

DUKE OF YORK ENGAGED.

LONDON, January 15.

The betrothal is officially announced of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. [Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon is presumably a daughter of the Earl of Strathmore.]

ITALY'S NAVAL PROGRAMME.

ROME, January 15.

The naval programme submitted to Cabinet increases the expenditure to fifty million lire and the total personnel to forty five thousand. It provides for laying down five light cruisers, twenty destroyers and sixteen submarines by 1928.

TURKISH OUTRAGE.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS MURDERED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 15.

Turks murderously assaulted two Coldstream Guardsmen at Galata yesterday evening. One succumbed and the other is recovering.

IRISH EXECUTIONS.

MINIATURE BATTLE IN DUBLIN.

LONDON, January 15.

It is officially announced in Dublin that four men were executed at Rosera and one at Carlow. A miniature battle raged in Dublin yesterday evening. The casualties are not known.

"FOOLISH WIVES."

A FILM SENSATION.

"Foolish Wives," Universal's costly photodrama of life and intrigue at Monte Carlo, which opened last night at the Star Theatre for a seven days' run, has been heralded as the costliest and biggest picture ever screened. It lives up to its promises. Never has there been such a kaleidoscopic array of beautiful settings and artistic photography combined with such adept characterization and careful direction.

Erich von Stroheim the author, director and star of the picture, has made a screen masterpiece. What ever fault it may have, and no picture is perfect, they are submerged by the force of the theme, by the realism of the atmosphere, and by the vivid portrayals of von Stroheim and his supporting cast.

It is easy to see where Universal spent the \$1,375,000 the picture is said to have cost. Monte Carlo, its principal building, its crowds, its activities and its very spirit have been transferred to the screen. The film company admits spending \$421,000 alone for the elaborate sets built in California in duplication of buildings, parks, villas and promenades at Monte Carlo.

The colourful settings, the activities of the noted pleasure resort, are merely background for the impelling story of "Count" Sergius Karanin, a renegade Russian, captain, d-bonair, adventurer and consummate villain. The role of the bogus Count is played by von Stroheim himself. The character is so well drawn that you hate him—bait him—and rejoice when he comes to a bad end.

ARMS CASE.

SIX MAGAZINES FOR ONE RIFLE.

Au Choy, who was arrested on board the "President Madison" by Det. Sgt. Andrews was charged on remand before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with possession of six rifle magazines without a permit from the C. S. P.

Mr. A. el Arcelli, defending, entered a plea of guilty and told his Worship in extenuation that the defendant was a returned emigrant. He had a rifle in Stanning for his own protection and he had brought the magazines expressly for his own use. He had no intention whatever of smuggling arms into the Colony.

The Magistrate fined defendant \$250 and ordered the magazines to be confiscated.

It has been decided by the Grand Lodge of England that the masonic peace memorial building which is to form the headquarters of English Freemasonry shall be erected on the Great Queen Street site and, via Australia, in 1943, dying at the age of 60 in 1866.

EXCITING CHASE.

ARMED MEN CAPTURED.

RUNNING FIGHT WITH REVOLVERS. Last night the Bay View Police were instrumental in arresting two Chinese who were prowling about with loaded revolvers.

At about 9.30 p.m., a Chinese detective was on duty in Shaikwan Road near Moreton Terrace. He noticed four men walking towards him and recognised one of them as having been arrested by the Police and put up for identification in connection with an armed robbery. Not wishing to tackle the men single-handed, he ran into Bay View Station. Sub Inspector Phillips and several Chinese detectives came out with him and the party set out in the direction the suspects had taken. After some time they caught up with them and two detectives seized two of the men. The other two men at once made off and escaped through a lane subsequently turning up the hillside. They were chased but not overtaken. The men fired at the Police who returned the fire. None of the Police was hit and up partly, the men they escaped.

When searched at the Station one of the captures had a revolver fully loaded in six chambers while the other one also had a revolver which was not loaded but he had four rounds on his person.

A draft of 120 relief troops for the Macao Garrison arrived here from Mozambique by the Nemacoe s.s. "Sri Lanka" yesterday. They were in the charge of two Portuguese Sergeants and two Corporals. The troops left for Macao by the Steamboat Company's vessel this morning.

Mr. Frank Bateman who, but for his retiring disposition, would be looked upon as the doyen of the Eurasian community in Singapore, has just retired at the age of 76, after 56 years of strenuous work without taking leave or being absent a single day through illness, except for a period of three months some five years ago. He first joined the Oriental Bank in 1868, but when that bank stopped payment in 1884, he joined the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank the same year, from which he has just retired, although he is still vigorous and as hearty as ever. He was the second and now the only surviving son of one of the pioneers of Singapore, the late Samuel Bateman, a land surveyor, who settled in Singapore from England in the Adelphi. Apparently \$3,000,000 is to be spent on it.

CANTON SENSATION.

PRO-SUN SUCCESSES.

GENERAL CHEN LEAVES.

CIVIL GOVERNOR RESIGNS.

Events at Canton which have fast been approaching a crisis have taken a sensational turn. In Hongkong this morning there was keen excitement amongst the Chinese population at the news that the pro-Sun forces had got as far as the Western suburbs of Canton.

SITUATION REVIEWED.

Conflicting reports have been received regarding the situation on the West River and at Canton. It has been established that the Canton government has sent large sums in silver coins to the troops at Samshui and all the able-bodied troops could muster has been sent there. Every thing seems to hinge on whether General Chen has been able to strengthen the morale of his troops to repel the invasion. In matters and equipment at his troops are superior to the Yunnan but so far they have not exhibited their previous fighting spirit.

This morning, the Hongkong Sham Po issued an "extra" to the effect that the Yunnan troops entered the Western Suburb of Canton in the early hours of this morning and that General Chen has fled. It has not been possible to confirm the former statement, but well-informed circles state that some troops have made their appearance in Sai-kuan, i.e., the Western Suburb and looting was reported in a few cases.

A telegram received this afternoon by the Wah Tse Yat Po from Canton, broadly translated reads:—Last night, the Cantonese troops in the Samshui district commenced a general retreat from the East River. General Chen Ching-ming, the same night, entered Shamshui, entrusting the peace of the city to General Li Bing-wing and Vice Admiral Wen Shu-tai (commander of the Northern Cruiser Squadron).

Chan Chik-yu has telegraphed his resignation as Civil Governor, to the Provincial Assembly.

The Canton-Kowloon Railway has been damaged by bombs between Sheklung and Canton and no trains left Canton this morning.

Looting on a large scale has been reported from Bathan and Sainan.

NEWS FROM WUCHOW.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Wuchow, January 15. The steamer "Tai Ming" leaves Hongkong to-night for Wuchow and the "Kochow" is due to sail for this port to-morrow. This is indication that the river is "all clear."

It is said that the fighting is now taking place below Sai Nam about 8 miles from Samshui on the Canton Road. It has been reported that instead of the Cantonese driving back the Yunnan, as has been reported, they are being driven back themselves.

A PEKING REPORT.

PEKING, January 16.

Hsu Shung Chih is reported to have sent aeroplanes to Hui-an and to be preparing to advance towards Kuangtung. Li Lieh Chun is waiting for a move from Hsu Shung Chih before acting.—Reuter.

CANTON SOLDIER.

VICTIMISED.

"SEARCHED" AND ROBBED.

Lee Yuk-shan, describing himself as a soldier of the Canton Army, was a passenger to Hongkong by the s.s. "Tai Lee" and reports that at four o'clock this morning when the ship was lying alongside the Hsin Tak Wharf, Cannought Road West, five or six men came up to him telling him that they were searchers. They searched him and four of his friends and took from them one wrist-watch and Hongkong and Canton money to the total value of \$398. One of the so-called searchers was armed with a revolver and another had an iron bar.

FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT TRIAL.

The following players have been selected to play in the second Interport-Trial match on the Club ground, Saturday January 27.

Blue—Hill (First Auxiliary); Gerrard (Club) and Chan So (South China); Hudson (Tamar) Stewart (Club) and Barkley (King's); Chui Kwong Yeung (South China) Forsyth (Club) Jones (King's) Dr. Valentine (Police) and Chan Kwong Yui (South China).

White—Swan (Police); Giant (Tamar) and Wynne (King's); Leung Yek Tong (South China); Forbes (Police) and McLaren (Police); Omas (St. Joseph's) Ip Kay (South China) Burnett (King's) Valentine (Club) and England (Club).

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

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EVENING WEAR FOR MEN.

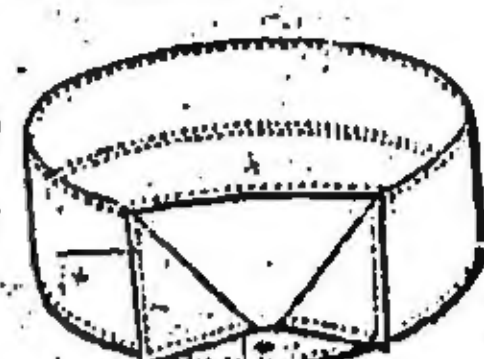


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Mrs. Ottavio Scotto and daughter Claudia.

Claudia Muzio, prima donna of the Chicago Opera Company, who has been sued for \$125,000 by Mrs. Ottavio Scotto for the alleged alienation of the affections of Ottavio Scotto her manager and impresario of the same opera company, denies that she is the cause of their marital discontent. Mrs. Scotto declared she sued to insure the welfare for two daughters.



J. Ogden Armour.

J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, who recently held a lengthy conference with President Harding in Washington. Mr. Armour proposed a huge merger of the packing industry, involving half a billion dollars. He likewise questioned the Attorney General, Mr. Daugherty regarding the legality of the proposed combine.

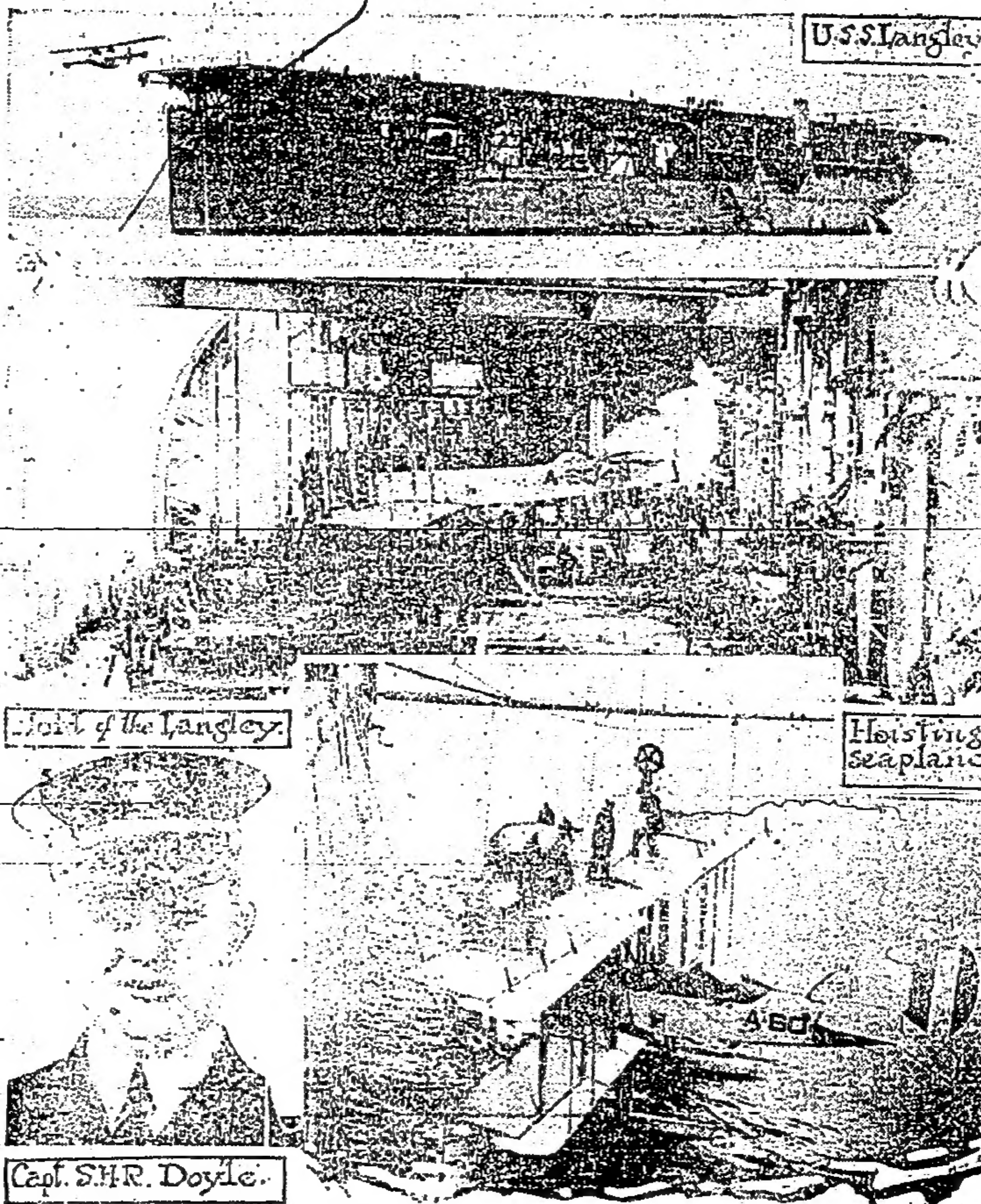


William Bruce Lloyd.

Federal officers have been unable to locate William Bruce Lloyd, millionaire communist, whose sentence of from one to five years for anti-war work has been confirmed by the Illinois Supreme Court.



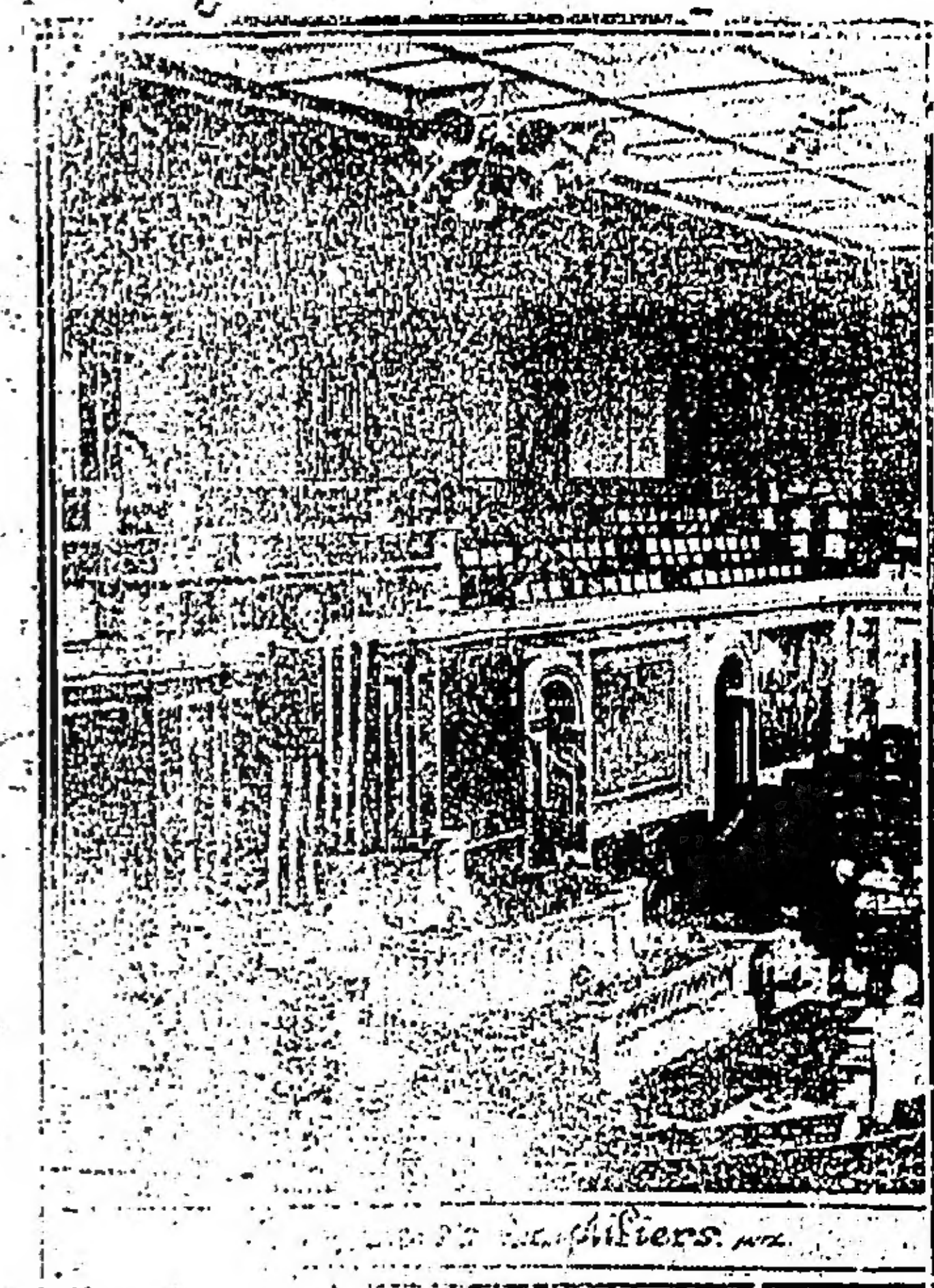
Chef Jean Ritook, of the Vanderbilt Hotel, New York, shows you how best to carve a turkey. At the second cut from the breast you uncover the savoury dressing. Then cut away the wing, and the bird is ready for the diners.



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These photographs, passed for publication by the U. S. Navy Censor, show the new U. S. S. "Langley", mother ship for air and sea planes. Land planes can take off and alight on her unobstructed deck, while seaplanes by the score are kept in her hull.



When President Harding spoke at the opening of Congress his voice was carried to all parts of the United States by means of these amplifiers.



Pope Pius XI.

This bust of Pope Pius XI was recently completed in the Vatican by M. F. Cozma, noted French sculptor, for whom the Pope sat.



Mrs. W. H. Felton.

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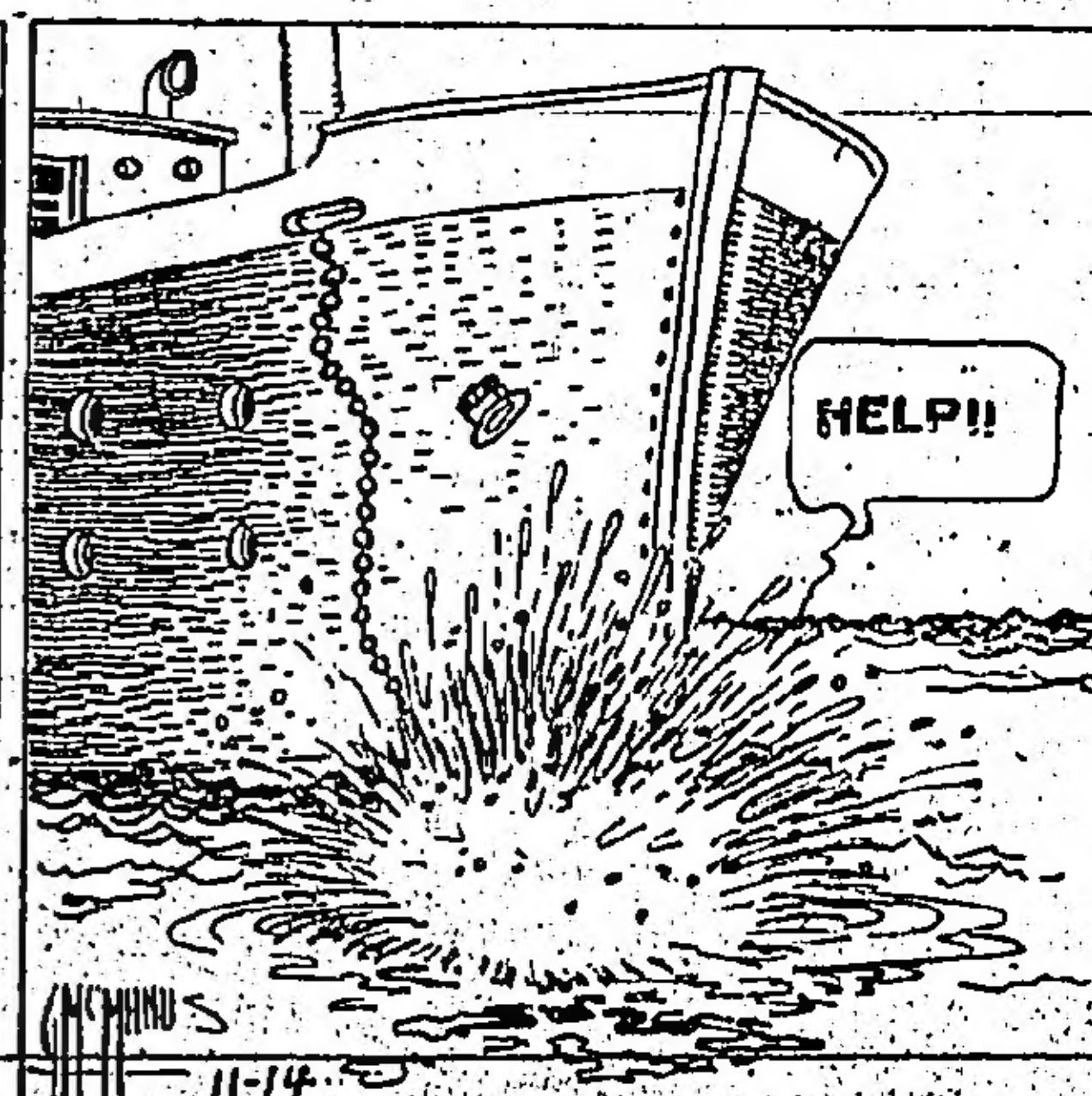
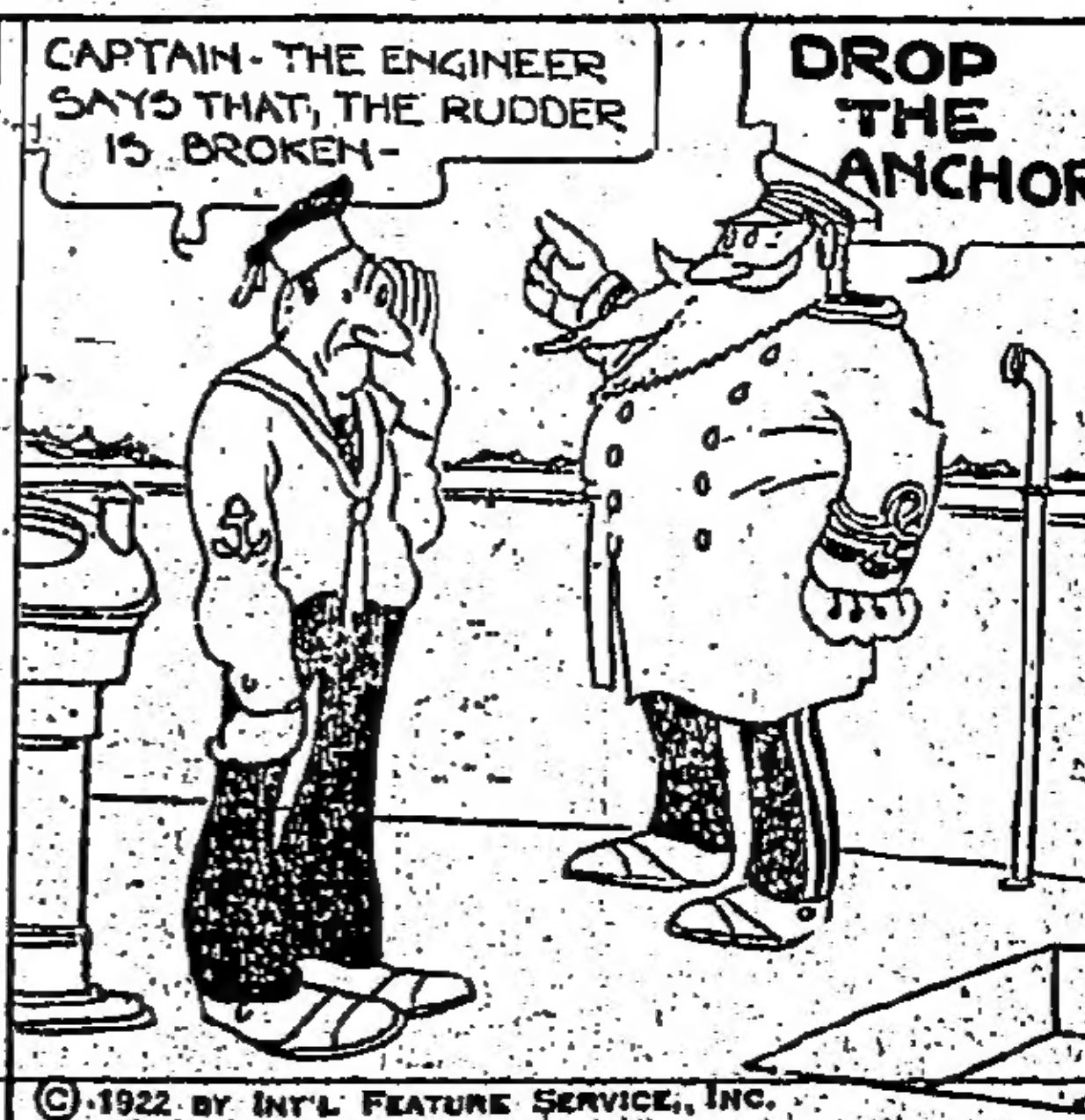
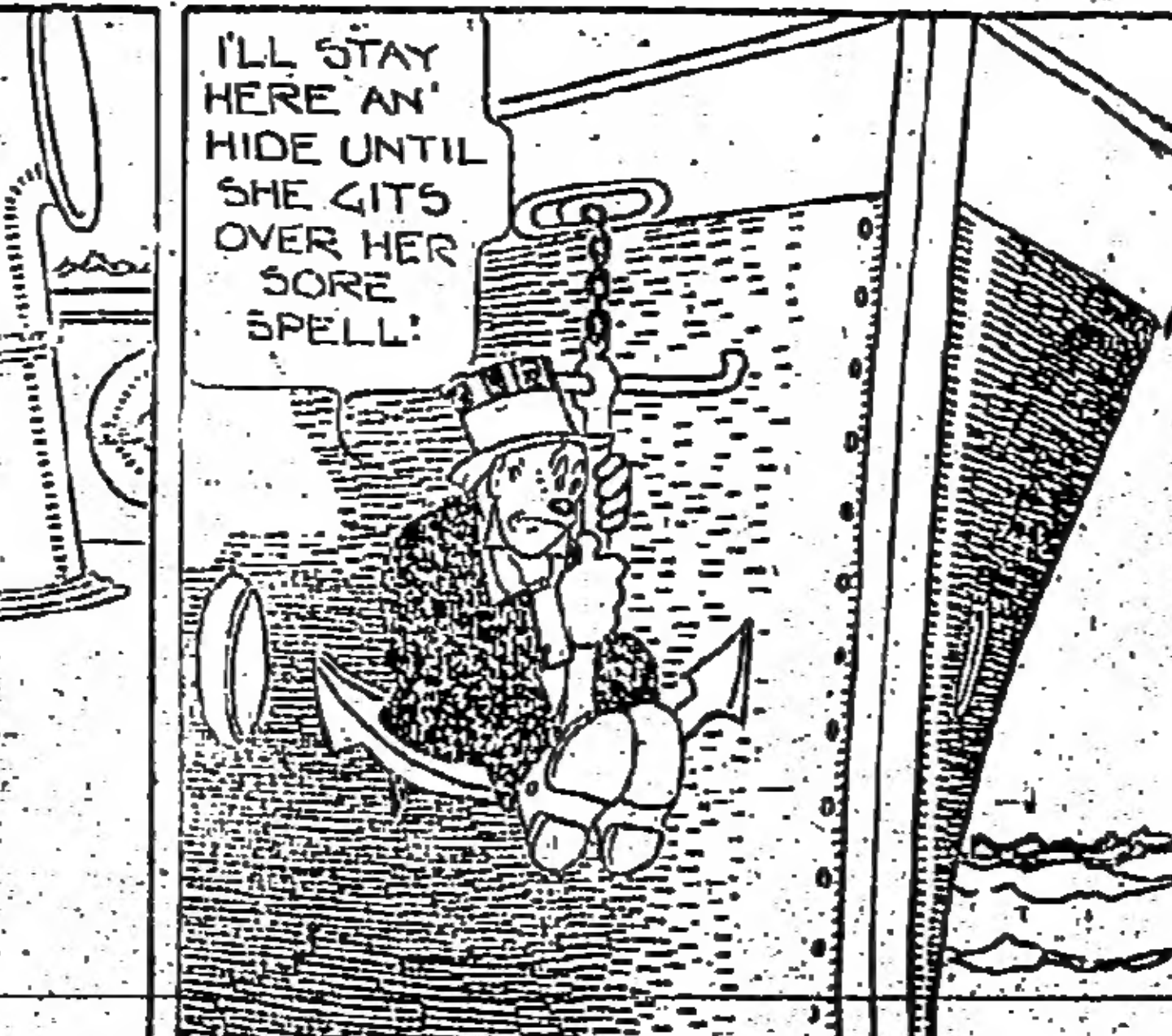
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Trading in the cotton markets has
 again been quiet and free from
 developments of any importance.
 Neither demand nor offerings have
 shown much change and prices have
 consequently been comparatively
 steady. The American Bureau
 reports the amount of cotton ginned
 to the end of November to be
 9,318,000 bales, which is an
 increase of 448,000 bales only since
 the last report. American opinion at
 the outset regarded this as slightly
 bearish, but owing to an improvement
 in reports from spot centres and fair-
 ly heavy spinners' takings for the
 week, prices held firm. Liverpool was
 not perceptibly influenced by the re-
 port as it was much as anticipated.
 There certainly does not now appear
 to any danger of immediate shortage
 of cotton supplies, and unless the cot-
 ton industries outside America im-
 prove considerably, there is not
 likely to be a scarcity for many
 months at least. The final Bureau
 report just issued estimates the
 total growth of American cotton to
 be 9,964,000 bales which is
 just about what was generally
 expected. In the Manchester
 market, the tone is if anything
 rather better, although there is not as
 yet any substantial improvement in
 business. For yarns there has been
 slightly more enquiry in sections,
 both for home and export; for the
 latter varieties India and the
 Continent show more interest, but
 offers are still generally far out and
 only a poor turnover has
 resulted. Prices are generally
 unchanged, and id to 3d per lb.
 lower in a few instances only. In
 the cloth section, demand has also
 increased somewhat and owing to the
 easing in prices here, the differences
 between buyers' and sellers' limits
 are not so difficult to bridge as they
 have been. Offers show a tendency
 to improve as well, and more trade has
 been done. India business is still
 patchy, but there is more about for
 light white styles and prints. For
 China fancies are mostly in demand,
 but demand for grey staples has been
 better. Egypt has bought white and
 dyed goods. Near Eastern prospects
 are regarded more hopefully. Java
 has taken a few prints and Singapore
 occasional sundry lots. America has
 made a few purchases but the Home
 Trade is quiet.

Sold for breaking up in Germany,
 the battleship "Libertia," built at
 Devonport and commissioned in 1907,
 has left Sheerness in tow of German
 tug.

Every unit in the Aldershot com-
 mand was represented at the first
 civic church parade of the recently in-
 corporated Borough of Aldershot.

M. La Troquer, French Minister of
 Public Works, has undertaken to ask
 the French Parliament to discuss the
 deepening by German labour of the
 River Seine to prevent future floods in
 Paris.

The Industrial Court refused the
 claim of the trade union side of the
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